

HEN GIVES A COMICAL TURN

Not on the Program, but Performance Intensely Amused the Audience.

At a concert in Glasgow, Scotland, recently, a hen provided an amusing turn not included on the program. The bird was the property of a Chinese conjurer and after the trick in which it played a part was over it disappeared behind a screen and escaped observation. A selection by the orchestra was next on the program. Enchanted with the strains, the bird popped its head around the screen and came forward to investigate. Perkily it strode down the empty stage and, reaching the middle, proudly cocked up one leg and emitted a most hoarse and unmusical crow. The audience was convulsed and members of the orchestra doubled up with laughter. Pleased with its efforts, the fowl proceeded to walk up and down the stage, crowing when some strains specially pleased it. Despite every effort it eluded capture for several minutes, until a valiant attendant chased it off the stage into the lap of a lady sitting in one of the front seats. More from fright than from intention the lady threw her hands over her lap, imprisoning the impromptu performer until the attendant arrived and conveyed it behind the scenes.

RESOURCEFUL



It is not only giants that win victories.

REARRANGING HIS HAREM.

Despite his trials and responsibilities, Mulai Hafid, sultan of Morocco, finds opportunity for distractions. His chief amusement at the moment is the rearrangement of his harem. Six fair Circassian slaves have recently arrived. His majesty has also divorced one of the four legitimate wives allowed by Koranic law, and is about to espouse the daughter of a late vizier. It is rumored that two other royal divorces are pending, and that the places of these discarded wives will be taken by the daughters of loyal subjects.

RICH BOOTY FOR ROBBERS.

A great stir has been caused in the religious Mussulman circles at Constantinople owing to the theft by burglars of one of the most precious relics of the prophet Mahomet from the dervishes' convent at Eskijehir. The relic is a lamp of Arab workmanship of the tenth century, set with diamonds and other precious stones, and it is valued at \$500,000. It is the general belief that the robbery was engineered by the sect known as the Wahabite Mussulmans.

ERROR IN TEAM WORK.

Edith, aged six, had just been informed that twin boys had been added to the family. "That's funny," she mused. "Ethel and I both prayed for a baby brother, but we thought it was the same one."—Everybody's Magazine.

A PROOF OF IT.

"Do you believe in auto hypnosis?" "Can you doubt it when you see how that machine is behaving?"—Baltimore American.

OTHERWISE UNOBJECTIONABLE.

Pansy—What do you think of my new perfume? Violeta—I don't like it for a scent.—Brooklyn Life.

FIND IT HARD TO CLASSIFY

Lovers of the Noble Game of Chess Differ as to Just How It Should Be Ranked.

Chess is a very old game, but it has hardly yet been classed as a mere form or entertainment or as a science. Those who would invest it with the latter dignity have received important support from the Brooklyn Institute of Art and Sciences. The management has made arrangements for a course of lectures on the subject during the coming two months. The managing director says: "With the playing of the game, the institute, as such, is not, of course, concerned, but as an educational or ethnological element, with its history, general theory and esthetic phase, it is quite in our line." The public may not really recognize its ethnological value, but that probably lies in the transference of this ancient game from country to country and its effect upon the mental processes of various peoples. In its essential features it was played in Hindustan almost as far back as history runs. From there it spread to Persia and thence to Arabia. The Arabs introduced it into Spain in the eighth century and it was then gradually adopted in the other countries of Europe. As a player and a writer Benjamin Franklin was the first American to bring it into prominence. It no doubt furnishes mental discipline of value, but the number of noted players who have become insane through devotion to it suggests that its introduction into the sciences be carefully guarded.

CAUSE FARMERS HEAVY LOSS

Malignant Destruction by Hunters of Birds Greatly to Be Deplored.

"The loss to the farmers of the United States through the wanton destruction of friendly birds is over \$800,000,000," said H. R. Walmesley, president of the Mississippi Audubon society, at the meeting of the Missouri Horticultural society, in Kansas City, Mo.

"It is not the sportsmen but the market hunter and the man who kills to get the feathers for the milliners that are decimating the bird population of this country and doing vast injury to the farmers as a result. There is only one class of birds that are of no value to the farmer and in fact are a detriment to the country, and these are the English sparrows. They eat the farmer's grain whenever they can get it, to the exclusion of other foods. The quail, on the other hand, live on the insect life and worms which they find on the farms, eating but very little grain."

EMBROIDERED MAP.

A. Henry Peterson of the Seattle office of the United States shipping commissioner's department has hanging on his office wall a map of Alaska which is something of a curiosity. Like most sailors of the old school, Peterson is a handy man with the needle and in the spare time at his disposal it took him ten months to make the map. It is all of silk embroidery, and nearly 500 skeins of silk thread were used in its manufacture. The different divisions of country are done in different colored silk, and all the names are worked in. The map is complete in detail.

A ROMAN GRANGER.

Cincinnatus arranged to be found plowing. "For 15-cent cotton and \$1.25 wheat," he explained. Herewith we perceive his pose was really plutocratic.

THE USUAL THING.

"Is there anything which people will really swear off this year?" "Sure." "What is it?" "Their taxes."—Baltimore American.

ONE WAY.

Bobby—Say, dad, do you kill the bulls and bears in Wall street with a gun? Father—No, my son. They get them in a corner and pinch them to death.—Puck.

PERHAPS IT'S MOSTLY HAIR.

"Is your boy getting ahead at college?" "The Star—Not at all. He runs a machine, doesn't he?" "Yes; a big one."

Letters From The Roosevelt Land

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W. W. Worley, President,
A. B. Lail, Secretary.

John W. Lovelace's house was destroyed by fire on last Saturday about noon. It caught fire from a defective flue and burned to the ground. Only a small amount of the furniture and clothing was saved. The building was insured but the household goods were not.

ANOTHER MONOPOLY.

"Where's that bird dog you used to have?" "Oh, the milliner down the street complained that he kept her customers away by obstructing the sidewalk." "Obstructing the sidewalk?" "Yes. You see he spent all his time down there pointing the birds in the window."—Everybody's Magazine.

COINING A NEW ONE.

The Understudy—Didn't I hear you refer to the spotlight operator as a chauffeur? The Star—Certainly. The Understudy—That's rather inappropriate, isn't it? The Star—Not at all. He runs a machine, doesn't he? Mrs. D. H. Sweeney and children, of Macon, Mo., are the guests of Mrs. Evered Speers.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the Financial Condition of the Buell Bank No. 1637, at Buell State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 31st day of January 1910, published in THE MONTGOMERY TRIBUNE, a newspaper printed and published at Montgomery City, State of Missouri, on the 11th day of February, 1910.

RESOURCES

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| Loans and discounts, undeducted | \$ 6,788.22 |
| Loans, real estate | 2,761.00 |
| Overdrafts | 303.08 |
| Real estate (banking house) | 2,061.08 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 1,912.39 |
| Due from other banks and bankers | |
| subject to check | 9,506.97 |
| Cash items | 230.41 |
| Currency | 1,542.00 |
| Specie | 778.62 |
| Other resources, as follows: | |
| Exchange | 94.55 |
| Expense Account | 613.74 |
| Total | \$20,054.46 |

LIABILITIES

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| Capital stock paid in | \$ 6,400.00 |
| Undivided profits, net | 197.93 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 17,357.33 |
| Time certificates of deposits | 2,799.00 |
| Total | \$20,054.46 |

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.
County of Montgomery, ss.
We, W. E. Holt as president, and E. H. Ham as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
W. E. Holt, President
E. H. Ham, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of February, A. D. nineteen hundred and ten.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring April 11th, 1910.
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